



NEWS RELEASE
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United States Attorney Joe W. Stecher and the Federal Bureau of Investigation announce the following information for the attention of the media:

Event Triggering this Release:

On December 18, 2008, an indictment was unsealed charging Amar Henderson, age 28 of Omaha, with transporting minors across state lines for the purpose of having the minors engage in prostitution. According to the indictment Henderson was an Omaha pimp who employed underage females, some as young as 14 years of age, to engage in prostitution. The indictment alleges Henderson caused their services to be advertised online and that he would, on occasion, transport them from Nebraska to other states to include Florida, Colorado, Missouri and Iowa. The indictment also alleges Henderson controlled the young women employed by him through physical beatings and by taking all, or nearly all, the monies they earned. The indictment alleges in three different counts that Henderson caused underage females to travel to different states for the purpose of engaging in prostitution in April and July of 2007 and May of 2008. All three counts contained in the indictment carry a mandatory minimum sentence of ten years in prison up to a maximum of life.

Name of Defendant: Amar Henderson

Age: 28

City of residence: Omaha

Crime(s) Charged and Potential Penalty (A CHARGE is merely an accusation and every defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty): Transportation of a minor in interstate commerce with intent to engage in prostitution—NLT 10 years imprisonment up to life and/or a \$250,000 fine; Up to a 5 year term of supervised release.

Specific Location of Alleged Crime: Omaha and Florida, Colorado, Missouri and Iowa

Location of Arrest: Omaha

Alleged Dollar Loss/Type and Quantity of Drug: NA

Others Charged in Same Scheme:

Relevant Dates:

Date of Alleged Crime: April of 2007 through May of 2008

Federal Arrest Date: December 18, 2008

Date Complaint Issued: NA

Indictment Returned Date: December 17, 2008

Initial Appearance Date: Yet to be determined

Plea or Trial and Date(s): Yet to be determined

Sentencing Date: Yet to be determined

Next Court Hearing Type and Date: Initial appearance and arraignment

Assigned Magistrate Judge: Thomas D. Thalken

Held without Bond, or Released from Custody: Currently in custody

In Continuous Custody Since: December 18, 2008

Assigned District Court Judge: Joseph F. Bataillon

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